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No. 4

From Nov: 2nd 1868

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23	Atlantic (Ga) Nat'l Bk	" 20	Small coin order
35	Appleton Wm.	Dec 1	Abt old Coins of Confederation

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10	Bankers Magazine	Nov 10	Missing numbers ordered
14	Ballard & Mann Jane	" 14	Mineral Specimen
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24	Buchanan S. E & Co	" 23	Abt deposits of Silver Bullion
26	Bankers Magazine	" 24	Enclosing check for $4/6
58	Booth Jas C.	Dec 23	Practicability of using Cellon Copper & Bronze
79	Barber Wm	Jan 1	Appointed Acting Engraver
93	Bacon Wm H.	" 14	10 penalty for mailing U.S. Coin
119	Booth Jas C.	Feb 15	List employes desired
120	Barber Wm	" "	" " "

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18	Cuciben Jas M	Nov 17	Mineral specimen
31	" " "	" 30	Mint does not receive Ores
39	Congressional Globe	Dec 7	Ordered for 3d Sess 4th Congress
124	Cowles C. I.	Feb 20	Condition Branch Mint
125	Clay James H.	" 24	Deposit received
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53	Dawson Y. B.	Dec 15	Historical Magz- for '61 ordered
83	Director U S. Mint	Jan 2	Proclamation on Death of Lafayette

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2	Edelman Geo. H.	Nov 2	Changes in Am Com Tables.
11½	Eckfeldt Jacob	Feb 15	List of Employees desired

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27	Helper H. K.	Nov 27	Annual Report desired
42	Homans J. Smith	Dec 12	Order for Bankers Magazine
61	Harvey P.	" 24	Workmen reported for bad conduct
123	Hoyt, Stratton & Hufgood	Feb 20	Redemption of d nickels.
134	Heaton David	Mch 19	Transmtg copies Ann Report.
144	Haswell Chas H.	" 23	Wrongt 20 frame piece

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33	Kelley Hon W.D.	Dec 1	Abt Tariff Coinage Bill
34	Knox John Jay	" "	Copies of Ann Report
52	" " "	" 14	Correction of Annual Report
54	Kelley Hon Wm D	" 16	25 sets new nickel coinage from Phila
55	Knox Jno Jay	" "	6 " " " " "
112	" " "	Jan 22	E.A. Fillen Hons Essex County

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32	McMullan J. B.	Nov 30	Draft returned
56	Morgan & Co	Dec 18	Request Estimate for 6 new Boilers
91	Morris H. E.	Jan 13	Cost of coining metals
94	Morgan & Co	" 15	Proposals for 6 new Boilers accepted
95	" "	" "	Boiler sheets to be inspected by Chief Eng Cassin
121	McKibbin C. (Treas Mint)	Feb 15	Proceeds gold coin to pay Boilers
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3	Pearce T.D.A.	Nov 6	Redemption of copper cents.
13	Partridge LeRoy C	" 12	First gold coinage in 1795
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41	Rives and Bailey	Dec 9	Enclosing check $5

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1	Secretary of Treasury (McC)		Nov 2	Mint profits transferred to Treas^{r}
4	"	" "	" 6	Estimates & Appⁿˢ for Mᵗ & Branches
25	"	" "	" 25	M. V. Davis recommended for As. C.
29	"	" "	" 28	Monthly count of Ass^{t} Treas^{r}
30	"	"	" "	" " Treas^{r} Mint
43	"	"	Dec 12	Transmitting copy new Nickel coinage Bill
57	"	" (Asst) Hartley	" 22	Abt list of employees in Mint
59	"	" McC	" 23	Recommended Gold Field Medal for awards
60	Selfridge Robt	"	" 24	Mis reported for bad conduct
62	Secretary of Treasury (McC)		" 29	Monthly Count Treasurer Mint
63	"	" (")	" "	" " Asst Treasurer
64	Simpson J. M.		" "	Mineral analysis desired
65	Secretary of Treasury (McC)		" "	Transmitting Reports of Chief Engineer Cassin & Morgan & Ors on operation of Steam Boilers
73	"	" (McC)	Jany 1	Instructions on use of Hills Engraving Machine
80	"	" (")	" "	Barbers appt'd Acting Engravers
81	"	" (")	" 2	" recommended for Engravers
82	"	" (")	" "	Death of Longacre Engraver
84	"	Asst (Hartley)	" 4	Desiring List Officers & Clerks
86	"	" (McC)	" 5	Recommending appointment Barber
88	"	" (")	" 13	Requisition $48.400
89	"	" (")	" "	Enclosing Bill Fred Field Medal
96	"	" (")	" 15	Appt Assay Commissioner
97	"	" (")	" "	Exchange Imported for Refined Gold
102	"	" (")	" 18	Report on Expenses & Income of Mint
109	Schifflin & Co		" "	Abt Purchase Nickel for Coinage
113	Seabon Jno P		" 26	Enclosing $5 Gold Piece
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128	Secretary of Treasury (McC)	Feb 27	Securities of C. McKibbin Treas Ind
141	" " (Boutwell)	Mch 20	Chief Comm to be sent to Canada
143	" "	" 22	Official Bonds of Offrs of Mint
147	" "	" 25	Monthly Count Asst Treasr

Page	Address	Date	Subject
12	St Paul (Minn) 1st Nat	Nov 10	$1000 small coin order
17	Suffolk (Mass) Nat Bk	" 16	Fold Coin shipped
21	Spinner F. E.	" 19	Value of Mexican Silver Doll
28	Snowden A. Loudon	" 28	Appt. of Davis & Calhoun
40	St Paul (Minn) 1st Nat.	Dec 7	Dft for small Coin returned
60	Selfridge Robt	" 24	Men reported for bad conduct
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118	Snowden A L. C. Comer	Feb 15	List Employees desired
139	" " "	Mch 19	Dies to be destroyed
146	" " "	" 20	Ordered to Canada

Page	Address	Date	Subject
21/2	Pipton J. R.	Nov 3	Abt purchase old copper.
115/2	Thayer C. S.	Feb 6	Deposit Gold Dust
145	" "	Mch 24	Abt Deposit Gold Dust

Page	Address	Date	Address
130	Walker George	Mch 2	Enclosing printed Mint pamp
136	Wood Fernando	" 19	Par Exchange bet U.S. & Fran

Nov. 2. 8.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir,

Pursuant to law, I have this day caused the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100.000) to be transferred to the Treasury of the United States, on account of Profit on the Mint Coinage.

With great Respect,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. Robinson
Director

Nov 2 8

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of 28th ult beg leave to send you the following changes and additions to our Annual Coin Tables. In Table N of Silver Coins, insert

		Weight	Fineness	Value
China Hong Kong.	Dollar English, assumed,	0.866.	901.	1.06.2
" "	Ten Cents	0.087.	901.	10.6
France,*	Two Francs 1867-8	0.320.	835.	36.4

*Less prices in proportion. In Table X of Gold Coins insert.

Australia. .	Sovereign of 1855-60	0.256.5.	916.	4.85.7	4.83.3
England	" average	0.256.2	916.	4.85.1	4.82.7
Mexico	Twenty Pesos (Hard)	1.086.	875.	19.64.3	19.52.5
Peru	Twenty Soles	1.035.	898.	19.21.3	19.11.7

I would also state that I have made a change in the former way of stating values, by giving only to the first nearest decimal of a cent; finding that any greater nicety is an arithmetical fiction, and of course no aid in giving the values of quantities large or small. Please send copies of your book and bill, for usual use.

Very Respectfully &c

H. L. Linderman

per J. F. L.

Jas. D. Edelman Esq
Coin. Office
New York

Nov 3rd 1858

Sir

Your communication of 29th ult. has been received.

The Mint is in no want of Copper, especially Pipe, which is always more impure than the copper used for Mint purposes.

To avoid making bad alloys we always use the best copper of known brands, after trial, and then purchase from 20 to 1000 lbs and it would be manifestly improper for us to purchase a few Hundred pounds of unknown quality as it would take the whole to test the quality.

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. R. Snowden
Director

J R Lippincott
Esq
Cincinnati
Ohio.

per A Mather Asst Clk

Nov 6 8

Sir

There is no law to provide for the redemption of the ~~Cts~~ Copper cents.

The nickel cents are purchased as per enclosed circular, payment being made in 3 & 6 Cts (Nickel) which would be of no use in Canada.

All that the Mail Agent can do therefore, will be to dispose of both kinds to some private party.

The Copper cents, being made of inferior metal, are not suitable for our present work.

Yours Resply
H. L. Linderman
Director
per A. Thacher
Sec'y

W. D. Pearce Esq
Care J. G. Walsh
41 Beaver St.
New York

Nov 6th 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit the estimates of appropriations required for the support of the Mint and Branches for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1870

The amount estimated for salaries of Officers and Clerks at the Mint and Branches is based on the compensation allowed them respectively by existing laws and is the same as appropriated for the current fiscal year.

For wages of Workmen at the principal Mint the amount estimated for is the same as last year.

For Incidental & Contingent expenses (including Coinage on Gold and Silver) the amount estimated for is Thirty five thousand Dollars, being an increase of

of Ten Thousand Dollars over the amount appropriated for the same purpose for the current fiscal year.

Prior to the 30th June last the fund arising from the deductions from depositors for parting, refining, making bars &c was by law available for ordinary expenses. A recent Act of Congress requires the funds received from the above deductions to be covered into the Treasury of the United States, consequently it is necessary to increase the estimate for the Mint and Branches under this head by adding to the sum appropriated for the current fiscal year, the amount of the estimated deductions during the next fiscal year. The deductions from depositors at the principal Mint during the last fiscal year amounted to about Seven Thousand Dollars. Com equal to say Ten Thousand Dollars in U.S. Notes. The same explanation applies

to the appropriations for the Branch Mint San Francisco and U.S. Assay Office New York.

At the Branch Mint Denver it is proposed to discontinue the office of Coiner, the business of the institution not requiring the services of that officer. The amount heretofore appropriated for that officer was Eighteen Hundred Dollars, and the amount estimated for under this head is that much less than was appropriated for the current fiscal year.

The proper explanation in relation to the appropriations required for the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Denver and Assay Office New York will be found in the papers submitted by the respective Superintendent of those Institutions, and which are transmitted herewith.

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Very Truly
Your Obt Servant
H. D. Linderman
Director

Hon
Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Nov 10th 8

Bankers Magazine — Missing Numbers.

July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec,	1859.
Jan, Feb, Mch, Apr, May	1860
July, Aug, Sept, Nov,	"
Jan, Feb, Mch, Apr, May,	1861
Aug, Nov,	1862
Jan, Feb, May, Nov	1863
May, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Dec	1867

You will please forward to the Mint the above numbers of your Magazine, needed to complete our set for binding.

Very Respectfully

A Kacker

Director Asst

J Smith Homans Esq,
24 Pine st
New York

Nov 10th 8

Am Journal Scienc & Arts, Missing Numbers.

March 1862, March, July, Nov 1863
May, Sept, Nov 1867

You will please forward to the Mint the above numbers of your Journal needed to complete our set for binding

Very Respectfully

A Backer

Director & Chief

Am Journal of Science & Arts
New Haven
Conn

Nov. 10. 8.

J. E. Thompson Esq.
President First National Bank
Saint Paul
Minn.
Dear Sir.

I forward to you to day per adams Express One Thousand Dollars in five cent nickel Coin as per your order of Oct. 21. ult. enclosing express receipt for same amount. The receipt of which please acknowledge.

Respectfully yours
H. Robertson
Director.

Nov 12 - 8

Sir:

I would state, in reply to the inquiry contained in yours of 10th inst that the first coinage of gold took place in 1795.

Very Respy
Your Obt Servt
Henry Kretzy
Director
per Thacher
Dy Clk

Henry Partridge Esq
Box 3.
Geneva Falls
N.Y.

No 1414 8

Mary Jane Holland
Kingston
Ulster Co N.Y.

The specimen
contained in yours of 13th is Mica
tinged with Iron - Of no value.

Very Respy
W. L. Lindeman
Director
per A. Hackett
Asst Clk

Nov 11th 18

Sir

In reply to Your favor of the 12th I would state that part of the Volumes are already bound and the rest of the numbers in the hands of the binder for mail therefore, please forward the numbers desired, if possible to do so

Obliged

Yours &c

A Hickox

Librarian & Clerk

L. Smith Homans Esq
41 Pine st
New York

Nov 16 8

Gent.

I enclose check for $4.00
in payment of bill 12th inst.
Please return bill receipt.

ed
Mes.
Tillman & Dana
New Haven
Conn

Very Respy
A Hacker
Treas

Nov 16 1864

Sir

The gold coin for 1864 ordered in yours have been this day delivered to the Adams Express Co for shipment to your address.

Yours Respy
H. G. Linderman
Director
per Thacker

Geo. Shippen Jr Esq
Suffolk Nat'l Bank
Boston
Mass

Nov. 19. 8

Hon F. E. Spinner.
Treasurer of the U. States.-

Sir.

I have your letter of Yesterday. If the Mexican dollars are in good condition (not much worn) they will produce over Eighteen cent advance in Silver Coin of less denomination than the dollar. A large lot deposited a short time since produced an average to the $100- of $106 43

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Nov. 20. 8

Messrs Drexel & Co
Gentlemen.

I have Yours
in relation to undrawn deposit.
This deposit cannot be paid without
the receipt given by the Mint, if it
produced or a Bond of Indemnity
given. I enclose a Blank Bond
which on being properly Executed will
enable You to draw the proceeds of
the deposit referred to

Very Respectfully Yours
W. Rolandson
Director.

Atl. Ga. 8.

Dear Sir.

I duly received Yours of 13th inst covering draft for Five Thousand ($2000) dollars.

By Express today shall send You One Thousand dollars in five Cent Nickel Coin. The balance of Your order viz. $1000 — shall be forwarded in the course of a week.

Respectfully Yours,
H Bonnell
Director.

Lt H Fuller Esq
Cash Atlanta
National Bank
Atlanta Georgia

Nov 28th 8

Sir

The request contained in yours of the 19th inst. cannot be complied with

I enclose you the regulation concerning deposits of Silver Bullion

Respectfully Yours

S. E. Buchanan &c
Mansion
Ohio

Director

Nov 24 1880

Sir:

Herewith enclose check for $16 in payment of enclosed bill which please receipt and return with duplicate.

Smith Homans Esq
Bankers Mayor Merchants & Farmers
New York

Yours truly
Director
per Thacher
Pres

Nov. 26. 81

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir.

I have the honor to request your approval of the nomination of Mr Martin V. Davis, as assistant to the chief Coiner, in place of William H. Patterson, resigned. Mr Davis has been employed at the Mint, for several years last. Has special qualifications for the position and is in every way worthy & deserving. I may add that he was severely injured on the occasion of the Gas explosion in the chief Coiners vault a few months since.

With great Respect,
Your Obt. Servant
A. R. Lindsman
Director

Nov 27 8

Sir:

In reply to your communication of 20th inst I would state that my Annual Report will be issued about the 15th of Dec, which will contain the information you desire, a copy of which I will forward to your address.

Very Resp'y
H R Linderman
Director

H. R. Helper Esq
Asheville
N.C.

Nov. 28. 8.

Dear Sir,

The Department has approved my nomination of Martin V. Davis as Assistant to the Coiner vice W. H. Patterson resigned & he will act as such on and after the 1st. proximo.

Mayor Calhoun is assigned to duty in your Office, on and after the 1st. proximo, at a Compensation of $5 per working day, and will perform such duties as you may assign him.

Respectfully Yours
A. Loudon Snowden
Director

A. Loudon Snowden Esq
Chief Coiner
U. S. Mint

Nov 28 8

Sir:

On the 27th inst I made examination of the book and monies on hand in the office of the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia and found a balance of $4,931,093.09 which corresponds with the statement of account for that day.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
W. B. Shoemaker
Director

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Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made this day before business hours exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the U S Mint

Gold		374.754.26
Silver		21.261.66
Ordinary Fund		34.594.01
Copper	"	120.835.36
San Francisco Branch		15.037.02
Denver	"	.52
Charlotte	"	7.66
Carson City	"	16.047.20
Total		$558.501.52

which corresponds with the balances as stated on that Officers books of account

Nov 30 /

Sir

The Mint does nothing with silver Ore. It must come to us in the Metallic shape, free from earthy matter, and in quantities not less than One Hundred Dollars in value.

This seems to be the only answer that your letter calls for, although I am surprised that you should not be discouraged, after the results from the Assayer at Chicago

Jas. M Casebeer Esq
Milton Junction
Iowa.

H R Linderman
Director

Nov 30 8

Sir:

I herewith return C/D of U.S. Depository, Mobile Ala for $22.50 enclosed in yours of 28th inst with order for 5 Cts. All certificates or drafts must be made payable to the order of Treasurer U.S. Mint as per enclosed rules.

D McMillan Esq
Cashr
Mobile.
Ala

Yours Respy
J. H. Richardson
Director

Dec 1. 8.

My Dear Sir.

I would be glad to receive as early as possible a copy of Your Coinage Bill. The Sherman will call on Tuesday to forward to You on the assembling of Congress. It is important that the Bill should be passed in December in order that the new coinage may be issued with the commencement of the new Year.

Truly Yours
W. D. Henderson

Hon. Wm. D. Kelley

Dec 1st 8

Dear Sir:

I expect my report from the printer on Monday next when I will send you the number of copies requested in yours of yesterday.

Very Respectfully

H Poindexter

Director

Dec 1.st 8

Dear Sir,

I am desirous of preparing, in shake for preparation, a brief account of the efforts to establish "the Mint of North America" under the confederation. also of the specimin Coins issued in 1783. I learn that you were the purchaser, at the sale of the Mickley collection, of the Nova Constellatio Dollar the first to bear, Nos. 2338 & 2339. I have never seen the specimens referred to & would be greatly obliged if you would send me an impression of the obverse & reverse of both Coins - also of any specimens of Copper Coinage of 1783. You may have in your possession. There were four sets of dies prepared in 1783, under the direction of Robt Morris, & it must have been from them that the first specimens were

prepared to coin stamps, also the coal
thalf cent of 1783.-

Robert Gilmore commenced
the preparation of a "plan for a Mint" in
1781 & continued his efforts, until 1784.
having expended for that purpose
about Sixteen Hundred Dollars,
including the cost of the die-screws
referred to - There was no regular
issue of Coins during his stewardship
as Treasurer, but specimens, were
undoubtedly struck & there no doubt
were purchased by those near
them - I will thank You for
a particular description of the specimens,
at Your convenience,

He has prepared a
specimen International Coin, also,
dies for the purpose of new sorts of
Metal-copper Coinage, to be ready
for distribution in about ten days.

Yours
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm Appleton Jr
Secretary

Wm Appleton Jr
Boston

Dec 24th 8

Hon

Please mail to the United States Minister one copy of the Congressional Globe of the 3rd Session 40th Congress, and send duplicate bill for the same

Yours &c
W. Blake Jr
Door Keeper

Redempt

Sir: I herewith return Cert. of Loss enclosed in yours of 1st inst. for same amount 5 Cts. with a copy of the rules relating to the distribution of Small Coin.

Drafts or Certificate of Deposit must be made payable to the order of the Treasurer U.S. Mint.

First Nat'l Bank
St Paul
Minn.

Very Respy
H. L. Linderman
Director
per A. Loeb
Asst. Cor

Dec 9 8

Gent:

Please find enclosed check for $5 in payment of enclosed bill which please receipt & return.

Yours Resp'y

Mess Rives & Bailey
Wash'n
D.C.

Thacher &
Director Clerk

Dec 12th 8

P. Smith Howard Esq.
Dr Sir

You neglected to forward the number of your Magazine for April 1861, in the package containing the other numbers. Please forward the same and oblige

Yours &c.

Wm Rhodes
for Rhodes

Dec 12th 8

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I received a few days since from the Chairman of the Committee on Coinage & the enclosed bill introduced at the last session of Congress, for the Coinage of Nickel-copper pieces of five cents and under, with the request that I would suggest any alterations that might appear to be proper. No alterations appear to be necessary. I have however taken the liberty of adding a section providing for the redemption of the one and two cent coins heretofore issued.

At the time this Bill was pending in Congress dies were prepared & specimens struck to illustrate the proposed new issue. I now enclose one set of specimens for the use of the Department and one

set

Set for the Committee on Coinage. I will thank you to cause the Letter to be delivered to the Chairman of the Committee together with the Bill with such alterations or amendments as may in your judgment be necessary

I am Sir
Your most Obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

A Bill

For the Coinage of Nickel-copper pieces of Five Cents number.

I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That from and after the first day of April next, or sooner, if practicable, there shall be coined at the Mint of the United States, and such of its branches as the Director of the Mint with the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, the following

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pieces, to be composed of one-fourth nickel and three-fourths copper, or as near to that proportion as may be, viz: a piece of one cent to weigh one and one-half grams, a piece of three cents, to weigh three grams and a piece of five cents to weigh five grams, with such uniform devices as may be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury and such devices when fixed shall not thereafter be changed by said officers, and the present coinage of one, two, three, and five cent pieces, with the

coinage

bronze, nickel-copper, or silver, and the issue of treasury notes of ten cents shall thereupon cease.

II. And be it further enacted, that in adjusting the weight of the coins provided by this act, there shall be no greater deviation allowed than three grains for the cent piece and four grains for the other pieces. And the materials for the said coins shall be purchased by the Director of the Mint in like manner as other materials for the use of the Mint are purchased. And in manufacturing the coins and

and accounting for the same, and for materials used, the same duties and responsibilities shall devolve upon the respective officers of the mint as are now required by law.

III. And be it further enacted, That the same legal penalties as are provided by the Act of March sixteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-six in relation to the coinage of five-cent pieces, shall be in force for counterfeiting any of the coins provided for by this act, or knowingly issuing or passing such counterfeit coins

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IV. And be it further enacted, That any of the coins provided for by this act shall be a legal-tender to the amount of one dollar in any one payment and no more.

V. And be it further enacted that the Treasurer of the Mint (or branch mint) shall keep and render an account of the profits arising from the coinage provided for by this act, that is to say, the difference between the cost of the metal, the necessary labor and machinery with the expenses of

distribution

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distributions of the coins on the one hand and the amounts received for such coins on the other; and these profits shall from time to time be paid into the Treasury of the United States.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the coins provided for by this act shall be procured and distributed in like manner as is now provided by law in regard to pieces of bronze or nickel-copper.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it may be lawful for the

Secretary

Secretary of the Treasury to redeem
under such regulations as he may
deem proper, the one and two cent
coins heretofore issued in exchange for
any of the coins authorized to be issued
by this Act.

Dec 14 8

Dear Sir

I send you by this mail 1/2 doz Copies Director's Report with the remarks under International Coinage corrected. In copying from the original manuscript a portion was unintentionally omitted but has been inserted in the copies sent this day.

If not too late I should like my manuscript copy on file in the Department corrected in like manner.

Jno Jay Knox Esq

Very Resp'y
H. R. Linderman
Director

See page 60 - Second paragraph under head "International Coinage" The words from cent on 16th inst to Annual cent on 17th inst was omitted or dropped in transcribing & has been corrected by pinking over but has [illegible] on the pamphlet as also the same page endorsed. H R L

Dec 15. 8.

Henry B Dawson Esq
Morrisania
N.Y.

Dear Sir.

Can You
furnish the Mss with the
Historical Magazine for the
Year 1868. If so please
forward the number with
Your Bill. The price I
understand to be $5 - per
annum. Resp. Yours
H Ludwig
Secretary of the Mss

Dec 16th 8

Sir

I transmit this day to your address per Adams Express twenty-five sets of the 1¢ 3¢ & 5¢ nickel pieces of the proposed new coinage.

Very Respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

Hon Wm D. Kelley
Chm Com on Coinage &c
Washington
D C.

Dec 15th 1

Sir

I transmit this day by Adams Express, to your address six sets of the 1d 3d & 5d nickel pieces of the proposed new coinage.

Very respectfully
[redacted]
Treasurer

Hon Jno Day Esq.
Dep. Comptroller &c
Washington
D.C

Dec 18. 8.

Messrs Morgan & Orr.

Gentlemen,

I have to request that you will furnish an estimate of the cost of manufacturing and putting up Six new Boilers at the Mint to replace those now in use. The Boilers are to be made according to the conditions & specifications contained in the Report of Isaac J. Cohen Engineer of the Mint. and to be of the very best quality of Charcoal Iron. Please forward the Estimate as early as convenient.

Very Respectfully
J. R. Snowden
Director

Dec 22. 8.

Sir,

On my return from Easton County, Md, today where I have been to visit my Father who is confined to his room by old age & sickness I find Your favor of 18th inst, requesting a list of the Officers, Clerks, &c of the Mint. Before preparing the same I would be pleased to know whether You desire the list to embrace all of the employees of the Mint or only the Officers, Clerks & those performing clerical duties.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt
J. R. Snowden
Director

J. J. Harkley Esq
Asst. Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington
D. C.

Dec 23 8.

Jobt Foote Esq
Chelter Steel Works
Wilmington
Del

I desire some experiments to be made with a view to test the practicability of working Nickel Copper alloy containing 33⅓ % of Nickel. If practicable to work the alloy it would make a very decided improvement in the appearance of the coins.

Yours &c
W. P. Blake

Dec 23. 8.

Hon Hugh McCulloch.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir.

I forward
to You address today per Adams
Express the case containing
second Lyon Gold Medal,
which I hope will reach
You in safety.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt Servt.
H Schuderman
Director

Dec 29 [illegible]

Sir:

The usual monthly count and examination made this morning before business hours exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint.

Gold	$	349.653.91
Silver		24.532.05
Ordinary Fund		13.053.90
Copper	"	1743.85
San Francisco	Br	15.00
Denver	"	
Charlotte	"	
Carson City	"	
Total	$	388.

Corresponding with the balances on that Officers books of account

Hon Hugh McCulloch Very Respy
Secretary of Treasury. H. C. Linderm
Washington D.C. Dep

Dec 29 8

Sir:

At the close of business hours yesterday (28th inst.) I examined the books, and monies on hand, in the Office of the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia and found a balance of $5,914,764.84 which corresponds with the statement of account for that day.

Hon Hugh McCulloch Secty
Secretary of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

H. R. Linderman
Director

Dec 29 8

Sir

As the place in which your minerals were found, is of such a geological character as to give no expectation of precious metals, the examination of them is not strictly within the line of our Assayer's operations. If you wish them tested, therefore, I would advise you to correspond with a professional analytical chemist, and may here name Messrs Booth & Garret, No. 10 Chant Street, Philad^{a}, who will give all the information desired.

Yours respectfully
A Kachers
Dir Mint

Mr. S. M. Simpson
Osceola Mills. Clearfield Co Pa

Dec 26th 5

Hon. Joseph McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I transmit herewith Report of J. S. Cassin, Engineer of the Mint in relation to the condition of the Boilers now in use at this institution from which it will appear that we cannot longer use the boilers with safety. Mr Cassin is a man of excellent character and an Engineer of unquestionable skill and experience. After receiving his written report as to the condition of the boilers I had a full consultation with him on the subject and subsequently invited a professional friend Morgan and Orr for many years past engaged in the manufacturing of steam boilers. [illegible] the material [illegible]

their proposition to do the work complete for $16.50 c enclosed herewith, also a report thereon by the Engineer, Mr Cassin.

This work can be done without interfering with the operations of the Mint by putting up two boilers at a time and using four of the six for furnishing the necessary steam. I propose with your concurrence to accept the proposition of Morgan & Orr and have the work proceed at once under the supervision of the Engineer Mr Cassin, in whom ampetency and faithfulness I have entire confidence. Our available means will be sufficient to meet the expense and it will not therefore be necessary to ask for a special appropriation

Very Respectfully &c

C. B. Richardson

Treasurer

Copy

Mint of the United States
December 4th 1868

A. London Snowden Esq
Chief Coiner

Sir

I beg leave respectfully to call your attention to the condition of the steam boilers now in use. There are six of these boilers. Three of them have been in use about fifteen and a half years, having been constructed in the early part of the year 1853. The other three were manufactured in 1860 from material in the old boilers in use prior to that time. The whole six boilers have become so defective from long and effective service that I consider their much further use inadvisable and I cannot recommend them as absolutely safe or reliable. During the past year they have in several instances, exhibited unmistakable evidences of weakness, and that the condition of the iron is such that it cannot much longer be depended on with safety. In an establishment of the character of this institution, where so much depends upon the strength and good condition of the boilers, and when in the event of an explosion, the loss of so many lives, and destruction of valuable and important property as involved, no cause for doubt should be permitted to exist, & only a condition of absolute safety

can be tolerated. I respectfully recommend that the six boilers here referred to, be removed during the present winter and that new ones of approved and undoubted construction as regards safety and strength be substituted. I would suggest boilers similar in construction to those now in use, made of best charcoal iron not less than 3/8 of an inch thick, double rivetted carefully & accurately fitted and constructed. Every boiler to be fitted with two safety valves, two feed connections, one steam gauge, and all other reliable appliances for safety. The above recommendation is not made with a view of securing the most economical boiler as regards fuel, but it is the most simple, and comprehends the essential features of strength and safety and affords easy facilities for cleansing and repairs. I would suggest that much more than ordinary care be observed in the construction of new boilers, so that the strains may be uniformly distributed and the greatest practicable strength secured & that all holes for rivets and bolts be drilled instead of punched after the sheets shall have been carefully fitted together. A better arrangement of the flues leading from the fires to the stack is desirable for the purpose of more fully utilizing the whole heat. These boilers are subjected to more than ordinary service a portion of them being steamed up throughout the whole season

four hours per day six months of the year for heating purposes & they furnish steam for the various processes of separating, cleansing &c. It must be borne in mind that the engines are in operation a greater length of time than in private establishments. Taking the running account of the past year it will be found that the maximum running time averages eleven hours and forty four minutes per day. every boiler should be arranged so as to be capable of isolated & independent action and while under general circumstances they might all be worked together, every one should be separate and distinct from the others As a measure of safety the reasons for this latter suggestion are obvious. Many important details, of a practical character, are omitted because these can be better and only satisfactorily and fully communicated verbally. Absolute safety is of paramount importance and with this view I take the liberty to, respectfully ask your serious and immediate attention to the foregoing recommendations

Very Respectfully &c.

(Signed) Isaac S Cozzens
Chief Engineer

Philad^a Dec 23^d 1864

Mr. A. R. Linderman
Director U. S. Mint
Sir.

In accordance with your request of 18th inst we have made a careful calculation of the cost of 6 Boilers, with drums and connections as desired by Isaac S Costin Chief Engineer of U. S. Mint. The mode of construction — that is drilling and reaming each hole in the sheets — involves much greater expense than the usual method of constructing them heretofore. We will make 6 Boilers each 24½ feet long 40 inches diameter, with mud drums 13 ft 8 in long 30 in. dia. attached to each boiler with 3 wrought iron connexions, all make of the best Charcoal flange iron 3/8 of an inch full in thickness, with cast iron arched heads. the front ends of the mud drums to be made of wrought iron, the back ends of cast iron (arched) with 2 feed nozzles cast thereon; all of the above heads to be turned off, so as to fit nicely the inner diameters of the Boilers and drums, the man hole covers and inner surfaces of the same or the Boiler heads shall be planed off and well fitted. All the seams to be double-

riveted by hand, chipped and caulked, delivered and put up in the U. S. Mint including the brick work and alterations to steam-pipes and water feed pipes for the sum of $16,500.

All repairs to the fire pumps, (should any be necessary) and any new appliances required by the recent laws of this city and State will be an extra charge, should any new grate bars be needed they will also be extra.

Each sheet of iron shall be stamped with the makers name, with written certificate to that effect.

Respectfully Yours

(Signed) Thos. Morgan

'Copy'

United States Mint
Philad^{a} Dec 24th 1868

Dr H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Dear Sir

In reply to your communication of yesterday, submitting proposition of Messrs Morgan and Orr for building six new boilers, drums &c and asking my opinion thereon, I beg leave, respectfully to say, that to obtain boilers of the substantial and durable character contemplated in my report to you of the 4th inst and constructed in the careful manner therein specified, the prices of ordinary boiler work cannot be adhered to, nor can ordinary tools and facilities be used in their construction. In view of above stated facts and of many contingencies that will arise in the manufacture and erection of boilers constructed in accordance with report above alluded to, and the special character of the work required I consider the proposition of Messrs Morgan & Orr fair and reasonable

Very Respectfully

(Signed) Isaac L. Collins

Jany 1st 9

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the reference to this Office of the application of the Gorham Manufacturing Company, to receive from the Mint such explanation and instruction as will enable that Company to put in operation one of the Hill Engraving Machines.

Some weeks ago the Engraver informed me that an importer of one of these Machines had applied for information as to working it, and that he had declined to allow it to be furnished. I instructed him to inform the party that in any event we would not consider ourselves at liberty to grant the request, without authority from the Secretary of the Treasury, and the

that the application might be made direct to that officer. I have reason to believe that in declining to allow the person in charge of the Machine to give information in detail as to operating it the Engraver, Mr Longacre, exhibited his usual well known urbanity.

With respect to the propriety of granting the request of the Gorham Manufacturing Company, I respectfully submit the following remarks.

For reasons sufficiently obvious, it would be utterly improper to subject all the operative processes of the Mint - especially those employed in the preparation of the dies - to indiscriminate observation or examination. Besides the interference to be encountered, the advantage that could be made of it by improper persons, makes it the clear duty of the officers having this work in charge, to guard as far as possible

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this part of the public service from intrusion. No doubt is entertained of the upright intentions of the Gorham Co, but the same claim might be urged by many other manufacturing companies whose employes, or operative regulations, the government could exercise no control; and the knowledge obtained in this way might be used to the public detriment.

We conceive it altogether a mistake to suppose the organization of the Mint as a government institution, involves any obligation to supplement the deficiency of skill that may obtain in private or corporate establishments throughout the country: it is proper and legitimate business to the making of genuine coins and no duty can be recog-

-nized

mised, either by courtesy or privilege, that may cause any interruption of the work proper to this original intention in its establishment.

In short, while no inconvility is intended, it is not obligatory, that the officers or employees of the Mint should be taken from their legitimate work, to give instruction to the uninitiated, in operations belonging essentially to the institution, and in which, whatever may exist of peculiar or superior skill, claims to be protected in view of the public interests concerned.

The object contemplated in the acquisition of the machine, for reducing and copying models in relief, as applied to the engraving of dies, was to facilitate the operations of the Engravers Department in the Mint. Its use in this direction ought not therefore to be interfered with, at least to the prejudice of these operations

operation, by any other or outside application of its facilities.

If at any time it should appear expedient to use the machine for the benefit of any parties not in the service of the Mint, such disposition of its advantages, should only be made in subordination to the primary object referred to.

As furnishing additional facilities to those operations of the engraving department, for which the Mint is responsible, the acquisition of this machinery is the most important that has been made: and a due regard to the public service requires that all reasonable care should be had for its preservation and protection from damage or derangement to which it would be liable, if any conflict of instructions in conducting

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its operation should be permitted.

It is doubtful whether a machinist not experienced in the various and delicate manipulations connected with the preparation of coin and Medal dies, could be successfully instructed how to operate the Machine, without an actual apprenticeship in that Department.

Under all the circumstances of the case I am of opinion that it is not expedient to comply with the request of the Gorham Manufacturing Company.

The application is herewith returned.

Very Respy

Your Obt Svt

N B Sharman

Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

January 1. 9.

William Barker Esq.

Sir.

Pursuant to the authorization contained in the fourth section of the Insane Asylum Law, I have this day appointed you to act as Engineer during the absence of that officer, who is confined to his bed by sickness. You will accordingly perform the duties of Engineer [illegible] during the operations of that department, until otherwise ordered.

Very Respectfully,

W. Brinckerhoff

Trustee

Dec 6. 9

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir,

James B. Longacre Esq. the Engraver of the Mint being seriously ill with Typhoid Pneumonia, & therefore absent from the Mint, I have pursuant to the 4th Section of the Finance Reform Law, appointed Mr William Barber, to act as Engraver during the absence of that officer. Mr Barber is the principal assistant in that Department and is thoroughly qualified for the duties of the office.

Very Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
J. R. Snowden
Director.

Personal

Jan 2 8.

My dear Sir.

As soon as the mortal remains of the Surgeon are consigned to the grave, I will communicate with you as to his successor & I now take the liberty of saying that I shall recommend Mr William Baker for the position. I consider him the best artist in this country & his appointment will be more in accordance with the present efficient condition of that Department.

With great Respect,
Your ob't Servant,
W. B. Lenderman
Senator

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

January 2d 9

Sir:

It becomes my painful duty to announce to the Department the decease on yesterday at five o'clock P.M. in the seventy fourth year of his age, of James B Longacre Esq. the Engraver of the Mint. Mr Longacre was appointed Engraver in September 1844 since which time he performed the duties of that office with fidelity, ability and distinction.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
R. Patterson
Director

Hon
Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Janry 2d 9

It becomes my painful duty to announce to the Officers of the Mint the death of the Engraver, Mr James B Longacre which occured at his residence in this City on yesterday the 1st inst at five o'clock in the afternoon. As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased a meeting of the Officers Clerks and employees of the Mint will be held in the Press room at half past twelve o'clock P M on Monday the 4th instant.

As a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased it is ordered that on the day of the funeral viz: Tuesday the 5th inst all business at the Mint will cease at twelve o'clock

A. R. Linderman
Director

Jany 4 9

Sir

I herewith enclose a list of the Officers and Clerks of the Mint, with the salary of each, amount of bonds required, and the date of execution of same as requested in yours of 18th ult.

Very Respy
H. Linderman
Director

J. F. Hartley Esq
Asst Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Name	Office	Salary	Amt of bonds & date to
H. Linderman	Director	$4.500	No bonds.
C. McRobbin	Treasurer	$3.500	$20.000 October 1866
Jacob Eckfeldt	Assayer	$3.000	$5.000 Jany $ 1837
*Jas B. Longacre	Engraver	$3.000	$5.000 Sept 1844
Jos E. Barth	Melter & Refiner	$3.000	$10.000 Dec 1849
A. L. Snowden	Ch. Coiner	$3.000	$10.000 Oct 1866
Wm E. Dubois	Ass't Assayer	$2.000	$1.000 Jany 1834
Martin L. Davis	Ass't Coiner	$2.000	$5.000 Dec 1st 1864
Geo. F. Belleville	Pay Clerk	$2.500	$5.000 Jany 1850
Arthur Backer	Bro Clerk	$2.000	none required
P. P. Breen	Engrs & Clerk	$2.000	"
W. F. Cochran	Mach Clerk	$2.000	$5.000 June 1 1851
Jno J. Longren	Calculating	$1.800	$5.000 Sept 1853
L. R. Cuyler Smith	Accountant	$1.500	none required.
A. J. Miller	Warrant Keeper	$1.500	" "
*Jno A. Taylor	Ass't Melter & Refiner	$2.000	

* died Jany 11th 1869

* Martin L. Davis & Jno A. Taylor will be required to give bonds in the sum of $5.000 each.

Recd

San 5th 9.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir.

I respectfully and earnestly recommend the Nomination of Mr William Barber for Engraver of the Mint, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr James B Longacre.

Mr Barber has been an Assistant in the Office for three years past and in that time has fully demonstrated his qualifications for the position.

He is a Gentleman of Excellent character and a thoroughly Educated Artist, I beg that his application may receive the early attention and favorable consideration of the President.

The importance of Electing a Suitable person for the position

cannot well be overestimated And
I trust that Mr Barber may
receive the appointment
With great respect
Your Obedient Servants
H Robinson
Teacher of Chatham

January 13th 69

Third

June 30th 69

Forty eight thousand, four hundred

July 1st 68

9.500
21.250
6.250
.150
1.250
48.400

Hugh McCulloch A.R. Lindeman
Secretary.

Jany 13 7

Sir:

I herewith enclose bill for the Gold medal struck at the Mint, per your instruction, for Cyrus W. Field Esq. Amount of which please remit

Gold Coin $56.00 Currency $6.50

Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of Treasury
Washington
D. C.

Very Respt
Your Obt Svt
A. R. Linderman
Director

Jany 13 9

United States Treasury
To Mint of the United States

Gold Bullion contained in Medal
Presented to Cyrus W Field. 566.23
Loss in Manufacture .77
Coin $567.00

Amount paid for Pearl Case
Currency $6.50

Received Payment
A R Linderman
Director

January 13 /9

Your inquiry seems to suppose that we keep separate accounts of the cost of coining the different kinds of metal; and further, that the work is done at so much per pound. Neither of these suppositions is correct. The Mint is furnished with men and machinery adequate to any demand for coin, in any of the legal metals, and the proportional cost is less or greater, according as we are supplied with a greater or less amount of bullion. Moreover the cost of coining is somewhat dependent upon the size of the piece. You will see therefore that there is no way of arriving at a definite answer to your inquiry.

Yours respectfully
A. Patterson
Director Mint

A. E. Möring Esq
New York

January 13 9

Dear Sir,

I do not think the idea of making an International Gold Coin upon the basis of the British farthing, has been seriously entertained. I find nothing of it in the Report of the "Royal Commission on International Coinage" lately published in London; a volume containing a vast amount of information, which if you have not already, I would recommend to you. Although the farthing is used in petty retail business, the bankers in London do not pay nearer than a penny, upon check; and the Bank of England keeps no farthing column.

A coin of "1000 farthings" upon the present basis of British gold coin, would be equal to $5.06.9 in our gold money.

I beg leave to refer you, for some views on this subject, to my last Annual Report, of which I send a pamphlet copy.

Very respectfully yours

Hon. John U.L. Pruyn. M.C.

J. R. Henderson
Director

Jany 14 9

Sir.

Your letter to the Treasury Dept of ult inst Ha been referred to this office for reply. There appears to be no penalty for the melting of U S Coins. The Mint however will not receive our current coins for melting, if in good order, and consequently jewellers and silversmiths usually deface such coins when they wish to deposit them and procure bars or new coins in return.

Very Respt,

Wm H Bacon Esq
441 Fourth Av
New York

Director

June 15, 47

Messrs Morgan & Orr.

Gentlemen,

The proposition contained in your communication of the 23d ult. to construct six new Boilers and put them up at the Mint of the Country according to the specifications stated in the report of Isaac A Cassin dated Dec 4th and which upon offer is now accepted, is accepted & you will please proceed with the work without delay.

Very Respectfully

J. Rolandson

Director

Jan 15, 9

Messrs Morgan & Orr

Gentlemen.

In ordering
the Sheets for the new Boilers
You will please procure rounds
to the Engraver of the Mint.
Specimens of each Sheet as
required by him to which he will
refer in detail Verbally.

Yours &c
J. Ronaldson
Director

Jan 15th 9.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir,

I have
to request that you will call the
attention of the President to the
designation of Commissioners
for the next Annual Assay, which
will take place at the Mint
on the Second Monday of January
next, (8th proximo,) under the
provisions of the 32nd Section
of the Act approved January 18th
1837.

With great Respect
Your obedient Servant
J. R. Lindermann
Director

Jany 15th 9

Sir

I duly received your favor of the 13th inst, enclosing a draft of a law permissive to the Mint and its Branches to exchange unparted gold or silver bars for refined gold and silver bullion under certain restrictions, and herewith offer my views of the same. In order to a clearer view of the subject I have prepared the following

Table of deposits of Domestic Gold (to be refined) at U.S. Mint & branches from 1804 to 1867—

1804 to 1867 inclusive

Dates	No: of Years	Amounts of Gold deposited Total amounts	Annual averge
1804 to 1824.	24	$ 110.000	$ 4.500
1828 — 1837	10	5.063.000	506.000
1838 — 1847	10	7.635.000	763.000
1848 — 1857	10	415.557.000	41.555.000
1858 — 1867	10	241.690.000	24.690.000

An inspection of the table shows that up to the year 1848 the amount of gold requiring parting (refining) was so limited as hardly to tempt private capital to undertake refining as a remunerative operation except at exhorbitant rates of charge to compensate for the small extent of the business. Hence arose that provision in the Mint Law, from its origin, permitting gold to be refined at the Mint and its branches at rates not exceeding the bare cost of the operation. With the sudden expansion of gold production, however, in California from 1848 and in Australia from 1851 amounting to an average annual deposit in the U.S. Mint and branches of $ 41.555.000 of domestic gold, the necessities of the case started many private refineries into activity. For while the Mint deposits reached their summit in 1853 & 4 amounting to about $ 50.000.000 per an

per an: this amount gradually declined in successive years so that the last decennary only averaged $27.690.000 per an:; and yet we know that the total annual production has not diminished. It is therefore reasonable to estimate that about one-half of the annual gold production of the United States is refined in private establishments. and as the same are sufficiently numerous, skillful and responsible for all the refining business that can be demanded, there is no longer a reason for the government being a manufacturer, which it becomes by refining gold.

Moreover, a government establishment necessarily demands a larger official staff, buildings commensurate to the position of the U. S. as a world's power, and other sources of cost which private refineries can avoid so that the latter can and do refine at a lower rate of charge than

the government. As one great advantage alleged to be inherent in a government refinery is the greater security of the depositor in receiving the full value of his deposit it is evident that this is fully secured by the govt receiving a deposite, determining its value, paying the depositor and then passing it into the hands of private refineries under conditions sufficient to secure the govt from loss. Security is thus attained both by the depositor and the Government. In addition to security the Govt becomes indirectly a gainer by avoiding the losses termed wastage, which it is impossible to avoid when gold and silver are subjected to fire and chemicals in the art of refining. The difference between the charge by the Mint to depositors for refining and the price paid to refiners for their operations would cover all refining wastage to which the Govt is now subject and pro-

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bably have a surplus to cover other necessary expenditures. As in all other business arrangements, the details of such an arrangement as is proposed should manifestly be left to the discretion of the proper officer — the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of the Mint. Different localities with their differing circumstances will probably demand different arrangements. Some localities might not offer private refineries in all respects suited to the purpose, and hence it should not be obligatory on the Secretary to execute the proposed plan. The draft of the proposed law is returned without alteration as it fully meets all the requirements of the case.

Very Respectfully

W. R. Linderman

Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Jan 18/69

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir.

I have the honor to submit the following report in relation to the expenses and income of the Mint and its Branches, in response to the resolution of the House of Representatives, enclosed to me in your letter of the 13th inst.

1. In relation to the cost of the Mint at Carson city and the estimated expenses of conducting the same. The erection of the Branch Mint edifice not being under my supervision I am unable to state the cost of the same. The cost of the Machinery, fixtures and apparatus for a coinage of ten millions per annum, including transportation, freight and fitting up the same, will be about eighty thousand dollars. It is a difficult matter to determine the amount of work which the Branch Mint will be called on

to

to execute. Any estimate of expenses or income must therefore be conjectural in in character. In estimating for appropriations it was deemed best to provide for an organization and supply of materials sufficient to meet any reasonable demand for coinage at the new Branch. The amount asked for under this view of the subject is

For salaries of officers and clerks $14.600
" wages of workmen 25.000
" contingent expenses 35.000
Total $74.600

2. With respect to the other branches of the Mint and Assay Office at New York, I have to remark that the desired information can be more readily and accurately obtained from the quarterly and monthly accounts transmitted from time to time to the Department, than from the data on file at this office.

3. Mint of the United States at Philadelphia
For the purpose of presenting the required information in detail, the Treasurer of the Mint has at my request prepared from his books of account, the statement annexed

nexed hereto by reference to which it will be seen that the various items are embraced under two separate heads; viz: "The Ordinary Account", and "the Cent-coinage Account." In the former are included all the expenses belonging properly to the regular organization and business of the Mint. The account is credited with the Seignorage or profit on the gold and Silver coinage, and the deductions from depositors for refining. The cent coinage account includes the expenses for labor and materials employed in the manufacture of the bronze one and two, and the nickel-copper three and five cent pieces and exhibits the profits covered from time to time into the Treasury of the United States. The statement embraces the fiscal years 1866, 67, & 68. The total

Expenses of the Mint proper (ordinary a/c) for three years was $637.830.45

Total income on same account 218.067.43

Expenses over income for three years $419.763.02

Average expenses over income per an 139.921.00

During the same period the amount of minor coins (bronze and nickel-copper) manufactured and issued was $4.239.495.00

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The expenses of manufacture were $1.342.032.66

Income over expenses 2.897.462.34

Out of which there was covered
into the Treasury of the United States 2.875.000.00
The balance being material in
course of manufacture 22.462.34

Average annual income over expenses
on cent-coinage account . . 965.820.43

Summary of Income & Expenses.

Minor coins manufactured and issued $4.239.495.00
Profits and deductions ordinary a/c 218.750.20
Total revenue in three years 4.458.245.20
Expenses ordinary a/c 637.830.45
" cent-coinage a/c. 1.342.032.66 1.979.863.11
Total net income in three years . . $2.478.382.09
Average annual income over expenses 826.127.36

The ordinary profits of the Mint ordinarily, depend to a great extent on the amount of coinage executed, the proportional cost of coinage being less or greater according as we are supplied with a greater or less amount of bullion. Moreover the cost of coinage is somewhat dependent on the size of the pieces coined, and it should be added that the Mint at Philadelphia and the Branch Mint at San Francisco must always have a sufficient force

force experienced employes adequate to any reasonable demand for coinage. There will of course be at times a surplus of force necessary to be retained to meet an emergency. The same remarks apply to the cental coinage the expenses of which depend also upon the price of copper and nickel.

In presenting the foregoing information it is proper for me to state that the demand for minor coins during the years 1864, '65, and '66 was very heavy and the manufacture of the same gradually wore out the machinery of the Mint, but by obtaining a portion of the blanks for coinage from a private establishment at Waterbury, Conn, which was done in the years 1864, 1865 & 1866 and thus avoiding in part the more tedious operations of the necessary melting in preparing the alloys and also the rolling, cutting the same, and remelting of the resulting clippings, the demand for a time was met with reasonable promptness. The withdrawal however of the three and five cent currency notes under the provisions of the Act of May 16, 1866 so increased the demand for small coins that the Mint in the worn-

condition

condition of its machinery was unable to meet the wants of the public for small coins for change. On the first April 1867 deposites of U. S. notes for small coins to the amount of about Four hundred thousand dollars remained unpaid and the Mint was then paying the deposits of the previous December.

On assuming the duties of this office in April 1867 and, after careful examination and consultation with the operative officers of the Mint and other persons well qualified to give advice, it was determined to embrace the first favorable opportunity for thorough repairs of the machinery, fixtures and apparatus of the institution. Before this could be commenced however, it was necessary to supply the public demand for change. Temporary repairs were therefore made and the force increased so as to prepare at the Mint all the blanks for coinage, it being deemed unadvisable to use those prepared outside the Mint. By running the melting furnaces night and day and working over-time in the Coining department the daily minor coinage was successively increased to

enable us by the first of July 1867 to pay off the deposits and meet the intervening demand. Authority having been obtained from the department, the operations of the Mint were intermitted for three months following, during which time the entire establishment was renovated and some additional machinery added. Coining operations were fully resumed the first week in October (1867) since which time the Mint has promptly met all demands upon it. It is now in the most efficient condition and capable of executing with dispatch any amount of coinage likely to be required of it.

The condition of the institution and the repairs made as stated, together with the machinery added, explains the moderate increase of the ordinary expenses, in 1867 and 1868 over the year 1866, but the incurring of the expense was a matter of true economy as well as necessity.

I am Sir - Very Respectfully
Your most obt Svt
A. R. Linderman
Director

San 18th 9

Messrs Schefflin & Co.
No 17 Hall St. N.Y.

Gentlemen -

Your favor of the 17th inst has been received. It has been considered the true policy of the Government for sometime past to purchase all the Nickel required for Coinage from an establishment which obtains its Ore from Mines in the United States. The price paid being about the market rate - The demand in this country for the Article for manufacturing purposes being quite limited the Nickel works depend to could not be kept in operation if the Mint were to obtain its Supply from foreign sources.

In order, therefor, to insure a full supply and guard against an advance

in price which would be likely to take place in case home competition was removed, it is still thought to be our true policy to procure our Nickel from the same sources as heretofore as long as the producer furnishes it at about the market rate.

Moreover, I may remark in reply to your inference to the greater purity claimed for the Saxon Government Nickel, that the purest we have tried was some of Fleitmann's which was not only alleged to contain 99 per ct, but actually did contain that amount by our own rapid assay; & that the next purest was also Fleitmann's of 98% of which we worked many thousand pounds. We may further say that no other alleged 98 per ct. has proved to exceed 95% @ 96½% of Nickel.

In reference to the comparative
qualities of Klutmann's or any other,
and our American ufined, we
may remark that our own has
given as satisfactory results as
the best in the world.

With much Respect
Your Truly
H Robinson
Director.

Messrs. Schifflin & Co.

Jany 22 9

Dear Sir.

Mr A. J. Dreyfal declines, on account of pressing business, to serve as an Assay Commissioner and I respectfully suggest the name of Edwin H. Fitler Esq in his place. Please bring the matter to the attention of the Secretary.

Very Respy
H. Roberts
Director

J. Knox Esq
Washn
D.C.

Please attend to this as early as convenient
Yours Truly
H.R.L

Jany 26 /9

Sir

I herewith enclose $5 gold Coin in settlement for the imperfect piece received in yours of 22nd inst.

The scaling was caused by imperfect Melting of the metal.

Jno T Sanborn Esq
Collector of Customs
Port Huron
Mich

Yours Truly
H L Lindeman
Assayer

Jany 2nd 9

Sir

At the close of business hours yesterday the examination of the books and monies on hand in the office of the Assistant Treasurer of U.S. at Philadelphia showed a balance of $3.463.000.54 which corresponds with his statement of account for that day.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Lindeman

Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of Treasury
Washington
DC.

per A. Wacker
Dis Clerk

Sanfp 2nd 9.

Sir

The usual monthly count and examination made this morning before bearers have exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint.

Gold.	$	465.194.06
Silver		42.979.73
Ordinary Fund		44.116.81
Copper		145.678.52
San Francisco Branch		10.407.87
Denver		.47
Charlotte		15.11
Carson City		421.32
Total	$	708.814.06

Corresponding with the Balances as stated on that offices books of account.

Hon Thos. McCulloch
Secretary of Treasury
Washington DC

Very Respectfully
H.R. Linderman
per A Mackey Director & Ex

115½

July 4 [illegible]

Sir:

I herewith enclose copy of statement received from Dana Chester Hunter
U.S.A. Relating to effects of soldier deceased
shipped by them.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
E. P. Thayer Esq
Agt
W. L. Eckman Esq
52 Broadway New York

July 12 9

Sir:

I herewith transmit a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the Assay Commissioners held at the Mint of the United States January 8th 9th.

Very Respy

Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

A. B. Chinnaman
Director

Feby 15th 9

Sir

In consequence of the decrease of the demand for the minor coinage a reduction of force at the Mint has become necessary. The operative officers will therefore please prepare as early as convenient a list of all persons employed in their respective departments and state what number of employés can be dispensed with without impairing the efficiency of the Mint. From present appearances the amount of minor coins required to be prepared will not exceed $5000 per day.

Very Respectfully

W. Ludeman

Director

Prof. Jacob Eckfeldt

Assayer Mint U.S.

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Very Respectfully
R. Patterson
Director

A. London Snowden Esq
Chief Coiner
Mint of U.S.

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Very Respectfully

R Patterson

Director

Prof James C Booth
Melter and Refiner
Mint of the U.S.

Feb 15th 9

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Very Respectfully
R. Patterson
Director

Wm Barber Esq
Engraver Mint U.S.

Feby 15th 9

Chambers M'Kibbin Esq
Dr Sir

Referring to the enclosed letter from the Secretary of the Treasury and the authority contained therein you will please sell the gold coin accruing from deductions from depositors prior to July 30th 1868 and transfer to the ordinary account the proceeds thereof to meet the expenses of constructing new boilers

Respectfully &c
J. R. Snowden
Director

Feb 20th 9.

Dear Sir.

Yours of Feb 17th
received, Our charge for
"Nickel" of 98 per Cent is two dollars
($2.00) per lb.

With much Respect
Yours Truly
W. Redmond Cowden
Director

Messrs G Lamson Esq
Salem
Mass

Feb. 20. 9

Messrs Hoyt Stratton & Co
Warren O.
Gentlemen

In reply
to your favor of the 18th inst I
have to inform you that
existing laws do not provide
for the redemption of the Bronze
& old copper coins. A bill
providing for the redemption of
all issues of minor coins is
now pending in Congress which will
probably become a law.

I must refer the
depositor to his bank by which
a equivalent amount in three
or five cent nickels will be furnished

Very Truly yours
F. Kinsman Nixon
Treasurer

Feb 20th 9

Sir:

Yours of 14th inst just received, and beg leave to enclose for your information a copy of the instructions furnished to your predecessor, and the printed pamphlets containing "the Laws relating to the Mint of the United States and its branches," and the "Instructions relative to the transaction of business at the Mint and Branches."

I desire you to Examine the condition of assay implements, apparatus &c of the Branch Mint under your charge and report the same to me in your official capacity; and report to this office if you have received your commission and taken the oath of office

Very Respectfully
R. Linderman
Director

Calvin J Cowles Esq
US Br Mint Charlotte
N. C

July 24 9

Sir:

The deposit referred to in yours of 15th inst. was received, and the proceeds shipped to your address, Halifax C.H. Va. on 15th inst. two days previous to the receipt of your instruction.

Very Resp'y
H. Lindenman
Agent
per Thacker
Asst Clk

James D. Clay Esq
Halifax C.H.
(& Boston Depot) Va

Phil 20th 7

Sir

On the 25th inst I made examination of the books and monies on hand in the office of the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia and found a balance of $4.451 701 13 which corresponds with his statement of account for that day.

Very Respectfully

A. Robinson

Director

Hon Tusk McCulloch

Secretary of Treasury

Washington

DC

Feb 25th 4

Sir

The usual monthly count and examination made this day before business hours exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint

Gold	$284.047.15
Silver	34.047.03
Ordinary Fund	2.142.514
Copper "	106.933.99
San Francisco Branch	9.446.37
Denver "	.52
Charlotte "	15.16
Carson City "	7.433.08
	$494.215.82

which corresponds with the balances as stated on their officers books of account

Very Respectfully

H Richardson

Director

Hon Thos. McCulloch
Secretary of Treasury

Feb 27th 9

Sir

On my return from Washington, I find Your letter of the 23rd inst. directing a careful investigation as to the responsibility of the Sureties of the respective Officers of the U.S. Mints.

The subject is now being examined and I will report as early as possible.

I am able to report from personal knowledge as to the Sureties of Chambers McKibbin Treasurer of the Mint and Asst Treas[r] of the United States.

Asa Packer is a man of large means substantially invested. Mr I.B. Baker is also

a man of wealth, Lecurely in-
-vested.

The Sufficiency of the
Securities on McKibbins Bonds
is beyond question.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W Wilkinson
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 2. 9.

My dear Sir.

Your favor of yesterday is received and in compliance with your request I send to address of Hon David A. Wells, Treasury Dept. the following printed documents relating to the Mint.

1. Laws relating to the Mint of the United States and Depositaries.
2. Instructions relative to the transaction of business thereat.
3. Rules and Regulations for the government of the Annual Assay.
4. Circulars in relation to Medals & Coins
5. Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the Fiscal Year ending June 30. 1868.

I also forward to same address by Express a Bronze copy of the Cyrus W. Field Medal

which will no doubt prove acceptable to your friend in Manchester, as exhibiting the present condition of the Medallic Art in this country.

Very Respectfully
Your Friend & Obt. Servt.
F. Peale Sonneman
Secretary & Treasr.

Jesse Walker Esq
No. 403 13th St.
Washington
D. C.

March 6th 9

Sir

Some of the Mint is received
The Mint does not purchase mutilated
Silver Coin in Small quantities
The redemption of large copper Cents
ceased in 1864

Respectfully Yours
H. Linderman
Director

R. B. McLain Esq
Wheeling
Va.

Enclosed Circular

March 17th 9

W. B. Franklin
V. Prest. Gen'l Agt Colts Arms Co.
Dr Sir.

In answer to your communication of 15th inst I have to say that English grain nickel of Evans and Askins or of Vivians manufacture would be fitted for the purpose of Electro-plating. The cubical nickel of German, and American manufacture is largely alloyed with copper. The agents for the sale of Evans and Askins nickel are Van Wart, M'Co's & New York. C. Robbins of that city is the agent for Vivian's Nickel.

Very Respectfully &c.
H. L. Linderman
Director
per Thacher Jr
Asst Clk

Mch 19th 9

Hon David Heaton
Chairman Committee on Coinage
House of Representatives
Washington D. C

Dr Sir

I send to your address by mail, for the use of your committee, several copies of my Annual Report for 1867 and also for 1865. On pages 6, 7, & 8 of the former you will find my recommendation in favor of creating a redemption fund out of the net profits arising from the Mint & coinage, also a proposed section for that purpose. This recommendation is again renewed on pages 5 & 6 of my report for the fiscal year ending June 30 1868. It might be well to go a step further and provide for investing the net profits in U. S. Bonds to be

be held by the Treasurer of the United States for the redemption of the Minor coins. The Bonds could be sold from time to time as the proceeds might be required for redeeming any of the small coins.

Very Respectfully

A. Loudermann

Director

Mch 19th 9

Hon Fernando Wood

Dr Sir.

In reply to your favor of 16th inst I beg to state that the full weight of the French 20 franc piece is 99.568 grains and the full fineness 900 thousandths, which would make that coin worth in our gold coin (as near as may be) $3.86 (three dollars and eighty six cents). This corresponds very well with the settled par of exchange between England and France which is 25.2 francs to the pound sterling. You will observe, however, that the actual coins of France will not come up to the above rate, on the average; being always deficient by one-thousandth part, in fineness, and being somewhat worn they will not rate here higher than 3.85; and this without reference to any mint charges. Ask the courtesy of

of nations seems to require that in settling the par of exchange, the full legal standards should be assumed.

I am glad of this opportunity to say, that the method of quoting exchange between England and America inflicts a serious discredit upon our commercial standing, and upon our national securities; and ought to be remedied by an Act or Resolution of Congress. It began with a silver valuation, when we were colonies; and it was fixed by one of the earliest acts of the First Congress in 1789, rating the Pound Sterling at $4.44 in Custom House transactions. At this false rate it requires a premium of 9½ per cent to make a true-par between their gold and ours. Consequently when our Bonds are quoted at 83½ in London it means that they are really selling for 91½ gold. This old fiction would be remedied by an Act declaring that "in all computations

putations of foreign moneys of account at the Custom Houses and in courts of justice, the Pound sterling of England shall be deemed and taken to be of the value of $4.86 2/3." The exact figures would be 4.86.69 but it seems best to go to the half cent, especially as the coins will always fall below, by reason of wear.

Very Respectfully

R. Linderman

Director

Hon Fernando Wood
House of Representatives
Washington
D.C.

Mch 19 - 9

Sir:

Referring to yours of this date reporting a number of dies found in one of the vaults, I have to request that all dies of a date previous to the present year shall be destroyed including those referred to.

When the request contained herein has been complied with you will report that fact to me in writing

Very Respt
H. Linderman
Director

A. Loudon Snowden Esq
Chief Clerk
U.S. Mint

March 20th 9

A. London Snowden Esq
Chief - Coiner
Dr Sir

Referring to the enclosed letter from the Secretary of the Treasury requesting me to send an expert to Brockville, Canada to testify in certain cases against persons charged with counterfeiting the silver coins of the United States, I have designated you for that purpose. You will therefore proceed to Brockville without delay taking with you a copy of all laws in relation to our silver coinage and specimens of the current half and quarter dollars of the United States, issued since 1853. Your necessary and proper expenses will be paid by the authorities of Ontario, Canada

Very Respectfully
W. R. Linderman
Director

March 20th 9

Hon George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir

Your letter of the 19th inst enclosing a communication from J. S. Macdonald, Attorney-General of Ontario, Canada and requesting me to send some suitable person to Brockville, Canada, to give evidence in certain cases has been received. As this business requires a person familiar with the laws of the United States relating to Coinage as well as the coins issued under the provisions of the same. I have selected A. Loudon Snowden Esq Chief-coiner of the Mint for the same who will leave for Brockville, Canada to-day

Very Respectfully
A Loudon Snowden
Director

Bost Nov 23rd 9

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 21st inst received. & in Answer I would say. That before April 1864, the cent was not a legal tender at all; from that time till March 1865, the limit was ten cents; Since that date, four cents.

With much respect
Yours Truly
H. Robinson
Director

Hon S. W. Fonny Jr.

March 22. 9

Hon Geo. S Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir,

I transmit herewith penned Bonds in the case of Jacob R Eckfeldt Assayer, and Wm E. DuBois assistant Assayer, also official Bond of John H. Sayen assistant to the Melter & Refiner.

The official Bond of Martin V. Davis assistant to the Coiner is not yet executed - It will be in a few days & then transmitted to you

With great Respect,
Your Obt. Servant
J. R. Linderman
Director

March 23d 9

Sir

In reply to your communication of 22d inst concerning the weight of the Twenty-franc piece I have to say that you will certainly find upon further investigation that $\frac{99.568}{480} = 207.43$. Our tables say 207.5, intended as a near approximation. Worn pieces 207.0.

Very Respectfully
A Dallas
Director's Clerk

Chas H Haswell Esq
No 5 Bowling Green
New York

March 24 /4

Sir

I herewith enclose letter from Jas Elston in relation to a deposit of gold dust shipped by him 16th January last.

I enclosed copy of instruction received from him in mine of the 6th inst.

Please give the matter your immediate attention

Yours

E. D. Thayer Esq
Agt
Wells Express Co
61 Broadway
New York

A. Kaeding
Asst Cash

March 24 9

Sir

Your communication of 8th inst has been received.

The package of gold dust referred to was deposited in the U.S. Assay Office at New York by the U.S. Express Co, the Adams Express Co refusing to receive the package and pay the freight due at that point.

I forwarded your letter of instruction to the Agent of the U.S. Express Co on the 9th inst at his request.

I have this day transmitted to him yours of the 8th inst and requested immediate attention.

James Clinton Esq
Wahsatch
(UPRR) Utah Territory

Very Respy
A Backer Jr
Dpty Clk

Mch 25 9

Sir

On the 24th inst I made examination of the books and monies on hand in the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia and found a balance of $4.196.574.76 which corresponds with his statement of account for that day.

Very Respectfully
A Kacher Jr
Director & Clerk

Hon George S Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Mch 26th 9

Sir

The usual monthly count and examination made this day before business hours exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint.

Gold	$491.881.28
Silver	58.864.64
Ordinary Fund	22.565.59
Copper	154.163.00
San Francisco Branch	13.696.27
Denver "	811.92
Charlotte "	400.25
Carson City "	1.049.82
	$743.465.77

which corresponds with the balances as stated on that officers books of account

Very Respectfully

A Backer

Director's Clerk

Hon Geo S Boutwell
Secretary of Treasury
Washington DC

March 31st 1.

Hon George S. Boutwell.
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir

In consequence of the decrease in the demand for the Nickel & Copper Coins, a reduction of the force employed at the Mint has become necessary. The services of forty four employees have therefore been this day dispensed with.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant
H. Linderman
Director

April 6th 9

Hon Geo S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir

I have the honor to enclose the preliminary report of Mr A. London Snowden Chief-coiner of the Mint on his recent visit to Canada under the instructions of the Department. The happy results of his mission should be a source of congratulation to both governments

I am Sir
Very Respectfully &c
A Kacker
Director's
Clerk

April 5th 9

Dr. A. R Linderman
Director U. S. Mint

Sir

In pursuance with instructions received on the 20th ultimo. I proceed to Brockville in the Province of Ontario Canada, and was present during the Assizes held at that place

The trial of James Boyd for Counterfeiting was a most interesting one. He was indicted for "making and uttering counterfeit coins of the Government of the United States" all the implements for counterfeiting were discovered in his house, and were produced in Court. Some of them were quite ingenious, especially that of the Milling Machine. The trial lasted for some hours, and concluded finally in the conviction of the prisoner.

From Brockville I proceeded to Stratford, nearly three hundred miles west, and was present at the trial of a notorious [illegible] and I am sorry to say a Citizen of the United States. He was indicted on a previous occasion but

escaped for the want of such evidence, as was supplied in this trial by our Government. He was very cautious in uttering the Coins; so much so, that his acquittal or conviction hung upon the question as to whether the Counterfeit Coins passed by him at various times in small amounts, were cast from the same mould. I was so fortunate as to be able to convince the Court and Jury of this fact, and his conviction followed.

The tests I supplied, and the experiments asked for before the Jury were I am happy to state entirely satisfactory.

At both places the Judges, at the latter place the Chief Justice presided, expressed their gratification, and thanks in open Court.

The most important of all these trials will take place at Ottawa, the Capital of the Dominion on the 13th inst. when I learn several are to be tried. Who are evidently members of a large gang engaged in this nefarious business. They have large sums of money at their command, and have engaged the most distinguished Lawyer in the Dominion to defend them. I shall be present at the trials, and hope the result may be gratifying, as it has been in the case of those tried at

Brockville and Stratford.

I cannot close this Report without expressing my high appreciation of the Courtesy extended to me, by the gentlemen connected with the Canadian Government.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant
"Signed" A. Loudon Snowden
Chief Coroner

April 8 9

M. Delesil

Dear Sir

Herewith I send Bill of Exchange for 555 francs, agreeably to your account for humid assay apparatus.

Please inform me of the receipt thereof.

Yours truly

A. Dallas

Director of the Mint

April 9th 9.

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dear Sir

During a recent visit to Washington I learned that there were quite a number of Applicants for official positions at the Branch Mint, San Francisco, And among them for that of Assayer & also Melter & Refiner of that Branch

It is with great diffidence And under a deep Sense of duty that I address You on this Subject.

In relation to the case of Mr B. Martin, Assayer, I enclose a statement from Mr Eckfeldt, Assayer.

Assayer, and Mr Du Bois Assist=
=ant Assayer of the Mint, which
is entitled to the highest con=
=sideration.

These Gentlemen have
been connected with the Mint for
forty Years.

I concur in all that is
said by them in reference to
Mr Martin.

The Melter & Refiner
of the Br Mint, S. F. is also a
valuable man & occupies a
position which requires Special
qualifications & large Experience.
He has been connected with the
Br Mint since its organization.

Knowing these Gentlemen
to be thoroughly competent for
their respective duties & believing
them to have been faithful in
performing

performing the same. I sincerely trust that it will be found consistent with the views of the Department to retain them unless sufficient cause for removal be shown.

At the U.S. Assay Office N.Y. which was established about the same time the Br Mint San Francisco, there has been no removals of Officers. And it appears to me that the Branch at San Francisco should be placed on the same basis.

While addressing You on this subject, I would do injustice to my feelings if I failed to state the high regard in which I hold Mr. R. B. Swain the Superintendent of the Br Mint S.F. whom I believe to be one of the very best Officers in the Service - And I respectfully suggest that so long as the Department thinks proper to entrust the

to entrust the Supervision of that im-
portant institution to his care, it would
be well to confer with him in relation
to any change of the operative of-
fices. The same remark will ap-
ply to his successor if the President
should deem it proper to remove
Mr Mann.

In concluding this brief &
hasty letter I respectfully refer you to
your calm consideration in relation to
changes of officers at the Mint, Assay
Branches & the Depositaries & to a great power
conferred upon the President by the
Coinage Act entitled "An Act in addition to
the Acts regulating the Coinage" &
of the Act entitled "An Act supplementary
to" &c &c

If any apology is neces-
sary for addressing this letter
to You, I have only to plead my
long connection with the Mint
Establishment and my sincere
desire for its

desire for its continued efficiency.
And I beg to add that I am
clearly of the opinion that the
removal of the Operative Officers
of the Mint and Branches Ex-
=cept for cause is fraught with
danger to the public service.

With Great Respect,
Your Friend & Obt Servt

J. Rhudersdorf

Director

Copy

In regard to Mr. Benjamin Martin, he was selected here by us, on the sole ground of his personal merits, and was a Melter of Assays in this Mint, for several years. His character, and conduct were always Excellent; and since his transfer to the Mint at San Francisco, his Assays have been rigid and faithful, giving the best character to our Coinage abroad. It would be a serious damage to the public service, to run the risk of taking a new man, not at all likely to be so well qualified.

As to Mr. Martin's sympathies with the present national administration, we believe there is no doubt.

(Signed) J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

U. S. Mint
April 8. 1869

(Signed) Wm E. Dubois
Asst. Assayer

April 10. 9

My dear Sir.

I have thought it probable that Congress may adjourn on Saturday next, if so, that it will be possible for you in connection with Senator Cattell to announce to the House a joint Resolution like the enclosed passed. - It simply provides for substituting a Nickel-copper cent, in place of the Bronze cent, & discontinuing the issue of the two cent bronze piece, & adds one of the twenty three varieties of alloys in the Mint. It also makes the proportion in the three cent & the five cent piece (Nickel Copper) the latter weighs

Between five grams of the 3 specimens
showed accurately weighs
3 grams. it slightly increases
the weight of the 3 specimens.
No provision is made
for redemption. This is unfortunate,
but seemed positively defeat
the Bill at this late hour. —
In haste,
Truly Yours,
F. R. Lundacuero
Secretary of the Mint

Hon. Wm. D. Kelley.

April 12. 9

Sir:

I herewith return 5 Com
inclosed in yours of 9th inst.

Counterfeit

4 Haven & Co Very Truly
Asst Treasurer U.S. N. Blunderman
Boston Director
Mass

April 4. 7.

Prof. H. Booth.

Dear Sir. I have your note of this date in relation to examining Mr White of Waterbury. The principle of examining an infant, the Engraving Machine of the Mint. In reply I have to state that it has hitherto been deemed inexpedient to allow such an examination, and I cannot see any way clear to grant it in the present case much as I would like to oblige Mr Holmes or Mr White. If allowed in one instance, it

would be difficult to procure
such others; & to frequent
or even occasional examination
would be impediment for
obvious reasons.

Very Truly Yours
H Robinson
Director.

April 14th 9

Hon George S Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I transmit herewith for the information of the Department, Report of the Assayer of the Mint, giving the result of his examination of ores brought by me from mines in the vicinity of Charlotte, N.C. The gangue or vein matter in the mines of North Carolina, consists in most cases of ferruginious quartz combined with copper or iron pyrites and it is difficult to separate the gold therefrom by the ordinary method of crushing and amalgamation. In mines of this description the ore near the surface and often to a considerable depth is found in a decomposed state, and the gold is readily extracted therefrom by mechanical agencies and amalgamation. As soon

however

however, as this line of decomposition is passed in descending, the ores become purely pyritous, and require chemical agency for the extraction of gold. In consequence of a want of knowledge of any feasible chemical process for working such ores, mines however rich in gold have been abandoned at this time. Experience having heretofore shown that the white quartz ores of this vicinity are both poor, and fluctuating in their content of gold I became satisfied that the main dependence of miners must be upon the pyritous ores and hence I took such samples for assay as would give a fair average of the quality of such ores. A reference to the report of the Assayer will show such richness in the ores as would seem to warrant a liberal outlay of capital to work them.

Very Respectfully
A. B. Lindenmeier
Director

April 14 9

Result of the examination of Ores from Charlotte N.C., brought by the Director of the Mint.

No. 1, Fox Mine, Iron & copper pyrites: gold sixteen dols. 50 cts. per ton (2000 lbs.) $16.50.

No. 2, Taylor mine, ferruginous quartz: gold ninety dols. 50 cts per ton; silver $1.50. $92.00

No. 3 Blair's hand shaft, ferruginous quartz with iron pyrites:
Gold fifteen dols. silver three dols. per ton. $18.—

No. 4, Tunnel Shaft, peroxide of iron, with iron & copper pyrites; gold ninety dols. 50 cts. silver $1.— $95.—

No. 5, Poplar ——, quartz with iron pyrites; gold $3.– silver $2.– per ton. $5.—

No. 6 Maxwell's Mine, granular sulphide of iron with white quartz: nine dols. gold, per ton. $9.–

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

April 15 9

Sir:

I herewith transmit $5 00 in payment of enclosed bill, which please return receipted in duplicate.

Yours truly
Very Respy
A. Ricker
Pro E&R

Smith Demarest & Co
Bankers Magazine
New York

'Copy'

Assay Office
April 6th 1869

Col J. R. Lindermann
Director &c
Dear Sir

Observing by the papers that the Senate Committee of Finance had again reported their "Bill for the coinage of Gold & Silver," I wrote in your absence to Senator Sherman and requested that the Silver part might be deferred, as I was preparing a plan for putting the Silver coinage on a new basis, and also revising our incongruous double system of weights. I received a very pleasant reply, stating that he did not intend to urge its passage now, but merely wished to place it before the public, and would be glad to see my project. I do not expect to have it fully ready for two or three months to come, as I find it necessary to weigh all objections, and state all my reasons. It will form a considerable pamphlet, and I hope to be able to print the Directors approbation on its front face.

I have

I have now to request two things;
First; that Mr Barber and myself may be allowed to devise and get up a series of 50, 25, and 10 cent pieces, to serve as an illustration of size, but not to be actually adopted, as to designs.
Second; that You will address the following inquiries to the Branch at San Francisco:
1. Is there a superfluity of silver coin in your part of the country.
2. Is it customary to pay and receive the same, in larger sums than five dollars, according to the legal tender limit.
3. Is there any considerable flow of this coin into Mexico, and other foreign parts.
4. What amount of silver coin, in pieces of 50, 25, and 10 cents, would in your judgment suffice for California, and the contiguous states where your issues circulate.
5. Would there be any difficulty in introducing the nickel coins there, if they are made a limited legal tender and redeemable in legal currency; that is, in greenbacks until they rise to par, and then in gold, or silver coin.

S. C.

6. What disposition is made of the product of the Silver mines, if not used for coin.
7. What is the average price of Silver at San Francisco per ounce fine, payable in Gold coin.

Very Respectfully
(signed) Wm E. Dubois
Asst Assayer

Approved
(signed) H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

April 21. 7.

Maun Magruder & Co.
Gentlemen.

Will you please inform me when you expect to be able to commence putting the Boilers upon the Boat under your Contract for the same.

Yours
H Rolandson
Secretary Board

April 27. 9.

Miss Julia Kelley.

I have your note of the date I received respectfully and that upon some time since presented letters of recommendation from the pupils, Mr & Mrs Hendricks & Mr. Huntley, all certifying to your good character - It affords me pleasure further to state that you are a most worthy & deserving young Lady worthy of complimentary in any branch you may be placed.

Very Respectfully,
H Brandenburg
Principal Model

Apl 28 9

Gent:

The deposit referred to in yours of 12th inst. has not been received at the Mint at this date.

Resp.

Very Respy

Bond Hoagland & Thacher

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Dr. Clk

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April 30 9

Sir:

I herewith transmit communication of Calvin J Cowles Esq Assayer U.S. Branch Mint Charlotte, N.C. inclosing accounts of J Eckfeldt Asst Assayer & Jno Caldwell Laborer for adjustment, with the request that the amount may be forwarded to him

Hon J Routwell Esq
Secretary of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
A.R. Linderman
Director

May 1st 9

Sir:

Hon James Pollock having exhibited to me his commission as Director of the Mint I have this day transfered to him the balance due the Medal Fund account viz: $632.31 and enclose herewith statement of same with vouchers.

I also transferred to him as my successor in office the Assay Coins received from the Branch Mint San Francisco for the months of November & December 1868 and January 1869.

In concluding my official relation with the Department I beg leave to state that I turn the Mint over to my successor in the highest degree of efficiency in all its departments

and

and with my best wishes for its
continued prosperity under his man-
-agement.

Very Respt
Yr Obt Svt.

Hon Geo S Boutwell
Secretary of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

H Robinson
Chandler

May 8 9

Sir.

Your communication of 7th inst enclosing a certified copy of appropriations for the Legislative Executive and Judicial Expenses of the Government for the year ending June 30th 1870 has been received.

You will please accept my thank for the same.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

J. W. Powell
Director

Hon Wm Richardson
Asst Sec of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

May 8th 9

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July 1st 68

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Geo I Fauntwell

Jas. Pollock
Director